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Police probe homicide of elderly lady

► Woman died early Saturday morning, police called about incident that night ► No word on whether charges will be laid ► Homicide is HRM's third in 2011

Police in Halifax are trying to determine if "criminal culpability" exists in a homicide involving a 92-year-old woman.

Halifax Regional Police said yesterday they received a call last Saturday about the sudden death of a woman at Shannex Arborstone Enhanced Care Nursing Home on Purcells Cove Road.

The province's medical examiner deemed it a homicide and contacted police about the death Sunday after the autopsy was conducted.

The autopsy concludes, according to a police release, the woman died from "complications relating to injuries received during an incident with another resident on Jan. 7."

"We aren't sure at this point ... that someone is criminally responsible under the definitions under the Criminal Code for the incident," said police spokesman Const. Brian Palmeter, who stated the other woman involved is also a senior living at the residence.

"What we are doing is we're focusing on the incident to try and determine if it even rises to a criminal offence."

A statement released from the nursing home yesterday said the victim suffered

The victim

Police haven't released the victim's name, but Metro has learned it is Pauline Ethel Hartling of Dartmouth.

► According to her obituary, Hartling taught within the Halifax school system for many years, retiring from Westmount School. She is survived by two nephews and four nieces.

Health minister 'gathering information'

The province's health minister says her department is currently gathering information on the homicide of the 92-year-old — but did not wish to go into detail.

"We're beginning a process of gathering information, so it's really too early to know exactly what occurred," MacDonald told reporters.

"I've just learned about this today."

MacDonald said she has expressed condolences to the victim's family, but out of respect for their privacy did not want to comment on their reaction.

In these situations, nursing homes are required to fill out what is called a "critical incident report." MacDonald said her department is currently examining that report, but would not say when they received it.

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► Maureen MacDonald

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Schools avoid worst-case cuts

► Budgets tighten by far less than feared 22% ► Education minister calls 'bait-and-switch' characterization unfair ► Province expects between 350 and 400 teachers will retire and won't be replaced next year



► French teacher Janice Mitchell quizzes her Grade 4 class at Joseph Howe Elementary School.



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The province has ended weeks of speculation by doing exactly what most people expected it to do.

Education Minister Ramona Jennex announced yesterday that boards will have to cut about two per cent from their 2011-12 budgets.

Boards were initially asked to undertake the "funding exercise" of developing various scenarios of 22 per cent cuts over three years.

The cut actually averages out to 1.65 per cent — or \$17.6 million — across the province. The Halifax

Regional School Board is being asked to cut one per cent; others, such as Chignecto and Annapolis, between 1.69 and 1.87 per cent; and still others, such as Cape Breton, South Shore, Strait and Tri-County, as much as 2.47 per cent.

But boards are also being asked to absorb inflationary pressures and wage increases, meaning an additional cost of between \$20 million and \$25 million for 2011-12.

That means the cut is closer to four per cent, said Vic Fleury, president of the Nova Scotia School Boards Association.

"The bottom line, I think, in all of this, is they

are going to cut, by my estimation, between \$35 million and \$40 million out of the operating budgets of the boards next year," he told reporters yesterday.

Jennex said she was confident the cuts would not be felt by students in the classroom.

"We built the budget from the classroom up," she said.

"A child in the classroom should see no (difference) in their delivery of the education they receive."

But Nova Scotia Teachers Union president Alexis Allen did not share the minister's optimism.

"I can't fathom how you can do that," she said.

How it has to be

Nova Scotia's parameters for school board cuts:

- Boards target at least a 15 per cent reduction in administration in the coming year.
- All provincial funding for targeted initiatives remain at 2010-11 level (\$19 million).
- Provincial supports for students with special needs remain.
- Any teacher and staff reductions be achieved, as much as possible, through attrition.

Bridge stays in terminal plans

Halifax regional council is going with the more expensive design for the Dartmouth bus terminal project.

The original \$9.1-million design was redeveloped when crews discovered pyritic slate. It escalated the cost to \$12.1 million.

Council had two options: Cut the pedestrian bridge and stay within budget; or pay the added amount.

"This has been a screwup, and the people I feel sorry for are the public and the union," said Coun. Sue Uteck.

Coun. Steve Streatch said the scaled-down version is asking Dartmouth residents to accept second best.

"You're dumbing it down," he said.

● JENNIFER TAPLIN

Majority rule

Some councillors urged fiscal responsibility but were drowned out in a 16-6 vote.

Staff put price on skating oval

Municipal staff threw out a price-tag number for the Canada Games Oval at a council meeting yesterday.

While giving a budget update, Cathie O'Toole, HRM's CFO, said it would take \$750,000 to \$1 million in capital costs to continue the temporary use of the speedskating oval for a year.

Staff are currently working on a report on the oval, including what it would cost to make it permanent.

That report hasn't been released yet, and Mayor Peter Kelly said yesterday he understands the annual operating costs would be \$250,000. He said significant money has already been raised in the community, for both capital and operating costs.

Besides, he said, he doesn't want it to be temporary — even for a year.

● JENNIFER TAPLIN

Beautiful day for N.B. U2 fans



► U2 lead singer Bono

Fans of U2 snapped up tickets yesterday for the rock band's appearance in New Brunswick this summer.

Tickets for the band's concert at the Magnetic Hill Music Festival in Moncton July 30 along with Canada's Arcade Fire were still available by mid-afternoon, a few hours after they went on sale.

Point of pride

Moncton Mayor George LeBlanc has described the U2 concert as the latest feather in the city's cap.

General admission is \$65 while the red zone closest to the stage is \$275, plus service charges.

Andre Hudon, president of Donald K Donald Events, the show's promoter, described sales as "fantastic" in an email but didn't offer any more details.

Hotels in Moncton began selling out before the show was announced eight days ago when rumours of the concert began circulating. THE CANADIAN PRESS

MONEY MANAGEMENT

Budget gap gets smaller but for how long?

HRM's budget gap is on its way to getting plugged.

Cathie O'Toole, HRM's CFO, told council yesterday staff have found efficiencies to reduce the \$13.9 million budget gap announced

in November down to \$6.8 million. "Part of this is sound management and part of this is good luck," she said.

And if there isn't too much more snow to clear this winter, there could be a \$1.8 million surplus from the 2010-11 budget, she added.

But there may be dark clouds ahead: the cost of fuel, the province's budget constraints, and even having to find money to pay for the Oval could strain the municipality's budget.

● JENNIFER TAPLIN

Parking ban motion iced

Coun. Dawn Sloane wanted to get a conversation going on the winter parking ban last night, but it was a non-starter.

She originally presented a notice of motion that she wanted HRM to send a letter to Transportation Minister Bill Estabrooks to "transfer authority pertaining to the winter parking ban to Halifax regional council." But at the last minute she changed her motion to ask for three amendments to the parking ban instead.

"This is just to open the dialogue," she said. "Citi-

Sloane's proposal

- ▶ No tickets if there's no snow.
- ▶ Alternate side of street parking.
- ▶ Different rules for urban and rural communities.

zens are very frustrated that we haven't even got a letter off to the minister."

But council voted it down on a point of order. Sloane said she will bring the issue up again at the next council meeting on March 1. ● JENNIFER TAPLIN

Solar panel project to be in hot water by the fall

It's another step forward for the 1,000 HRM households who have signed up for the solar panel project.

Halifax regional coun-

cil gave their approval for staff to apply for grants and rebates, consult with industry experts, and develop a business model.

"There's a lot of excitement out there," said Coun. Peter Lund.

After another approval from council in the spring, staff hope to start installing the panels that heat water in the fall. It will take about a year to complete all the installations.

● JENNIFER TAPLIN

First phase of new stadium approved

RYAN TAPLIN/METRO



▶ Mayor Peter Kelly says a new outdoor stadium is a must-have for HRM.

▶ 2015 Women's World Cup host city bid requires 20,000-seat stadium

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A business case for a new stadium will soon be underway.

Halifax regional council voted yesterday to proceed with the first step of building a stadium in conjunction with a bid for co-hosting the 2015 Women's World Cup.

A tender for consultants to provide a business case for a multi-use stadium will be issued this weekend.

"Let's move on this because we're holding up land," said Coun. Jim Smith.

The business case should be completed by June and, if approved, then it's on to Phase 2: site selection and preliminary design.

If council's approval extends to Phase 3, construction could start next year and the project would be finished by 2014.

Coun. Reg Rankin wanted to put off Phase 1 approval until funding commitments are given by the province and the

Stadium costs

- ▶ Phase 1: Consultant report on business case — \$100,000.
- ▶ Phase 2: Consultant report on business case — \$100,000.
- ▶ Phase 3: Construction — early estimates are \$60 million.

federal government.

"We can't afford it alone," he said.

But Paul Dunphy, director of community development, said negotiations will be ongoing as the project continues. He recommended council not wait because there's a deadline for a letter of intent for the World Cup bid and there may be funding possibilities associated with the bid.

Coun. Steve Streach and others balked at the spending money on another consultant report.

"I don't want this to be another Commonwealth Games embarrassment," he said.

Council talks trash to a limit

Halifax regional council talked trash yesterday.

They gave first reading to amending a solid waste bylaw which would reduce the garbage bag limit from six to four. It would also implement clear bags for garbage except for one black bag per household, and make property owners provide kitchen mini-bins for occupants.

Coun. Peter Lund wanted to send the amendment back to committee but council voted him down.

There was no debate on it for a first reading but it was evident this issue will be contentious when it comes back again. There will also be a public hearing.

"We're inviting a garbage war," muttered

Coun. Steve Streach. "Get ready."

The staff report says the bag limit was reduced from 10 to six in Nov. 2007. Staff performed a waste audit in 2008-2009 and found 32 per cent of materials in black-bagged garbage were recyclable and compostable.

To compare, that number in 2004 was 46 per

12-10

12 yes — 10 no:
Council voted 12-10 to approve first reading of an amendment to a solid waste bylaw.

cent.

As for using clear bags for garbage, the staff report says 33 of 35 municipalities in the province have implemented clear bag policies.

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N.S. invests in post-secondary work placement

- Total budget for province's co-op program now \$1.8M
- Minister hopeful more people stay to work here

Cassidy Quinton believes the three co-op work terms she completed during her four-year public relations program has been an invaluable experience.

She said it gives her an advantage when applying for jobs — which she will do in earnest once she graduates from Mount Saint Vincent University in May. "In this type of industry it's hard to get in anywhere, so any kind of experience you can gain is essential," the 22-year-old said.

Nova Scotia wants to provide more of its university students with this kind of hands-on experience.

Economic and Rural Development and Tourism Minister Percy Paris yesterday announced a new strategic Co-operative Education Incentive, an initia-



► Percy Paris

tive of jobs here.

The program will provide more co-operative work placement opportunities for students and employers. In fact, the number will double to 450 a year.

"It creates opportunities for students to get hands-on experience that they would never ever normally have," Paris said in an interview.

Students are paid while doing their co-op place-

"It's incredible how much students gain out of co-operative education."

STUDENT CASSIDY QUINTON

ments, with the program providing organizations with 50 per cent of the required minimum hourly wage of \$15 an hour.

Paris hopes students who participate in these work terms will eventually gain full-time employment within their field and in turn stay and work in Nova Scotia.

"It gives them the opportunity not only to make that connection in the business community but also to enhance the skills they have," he said.

● SHELBY MCDONALD

Crime. Dartmouth



► Police are investigating a shooting that took place early yesterday morning at an apartment building at 21 Highfield Park Dr. in Dartmouth.

RYAN TAPLIN/METRO

Shooting sends man to hospital

A 34-year-old man was taken to hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. Police say the incident doesn't appear to be random.

Wharf fall victim interviewed

Nova Scotia police have interviewed one of two young men rescued from a car that plunged off a wharf and were waiting to speak with the other survivor about the accident that killed a 17-year-old girl.

RCMP Const. Andy Harris said one man was re-

leased from hospital Monday and provided information to police about the accident, which occurred at about 10:30 a.m. Saturday.

Harris wouldn't reveal what the man told officers, but said a second man who was in the car was to be interviewed later yesterday.

"We've got some information ... but we're just waiting to interview the second person and see what both are saying," he said.

Harris said the man who was released was home with his father and in good physical condition.

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Tuition hike a tax on poor, critics say

A coalition of students, professors and university staff is criticizing the province's decision to cut post-secondary spending and allow tuition to rise.

Representatives from the coalition, appearing yesterday before a legislative committee, said allowing tuition to increase by up to nine per cent over the next three years amounts to a discriminatory tax on poor students.

Rebecca Rose of the Canadian Federation of Stu-

Grants

► Last week, the NDP government also announced a four per cent cut to university operating grants for the 2011-12 academic year — a \$14-million reduction.

dents cited a 2009 poll that suggested students whose parents earned more than \$100,000 annually were twice as likely to go to university as their poorer counterparts. THE CANADIAN PRESS

News in brief

Lost males found safe

SEARCH. Two males were found safe but cold and wet after getting lost on a trail in Hubbards yesterday, police say.

Halifax RCMP say the males, aged 16 and 22, left Wright Lake Run at 4 p.m. and got turned around on the trail, referred to as the Pipeline, and then started walking in the wrong direction towards Windsor. They were found just before 10:15 p.m., a police

release said late last night. Neither male had a cellphone on him. ● METRO

Pair charged in stabbing

CRIME. Halifax Regional Police have charged two men in a connection with a weekend stabbing in Clayton Park that sent a 21-year old man to hospital with serious injuries.

Cordell Alvin Pyke, 24, of Halifax and a second unnamed 21-year-old man are facing charges of attempted murder, aggravated assault and possession of a weapon.

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WITCH HUNT

Romanian witches curse bill

There's more bad news in the cards for Romania's beleaguered witches.

A month after Romanian authorities began taxing them for their trade, the country's soothsayers and fortune tellers are cursing a new bill that threatens fines or even

prison if their predictions don't come true.

Superstition is a serious matter in the land of Dracula, and officials have turned to witches to help the recession-hit country collect more money and crack down on tax evasion.

Witches argue they shouldn't be blamed for the failure of their tools.

"They can't condemn witches, they should condemn the cards," Queen Witch Bratara Buzea told The Associated Press by telephone.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Air India convict files notice of appeal

The only man convicted in the Air India bombing trial is appealing his perjury conviction and nine-year sentence.

Inderjit Singh Reyat says in his notice of appeal that the judge erred in law, misdirected the jury and failed to tell jurors there was no evidence to support portions of the Crown's closing address.

Reyat says the sentence imposed Jan. 7 was "harsh and excessive." He was given credit for 17 months of time already served, leaving him seven



► Inderjit Singh Reyat

years and seven months in prison. Reyat was convicted last November for lying 19 times in September 2003 at the trial of Ripudaman Singh Malik and Ajaib Singh Bagri.

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Obama quits smoking

First lady Michelle Obama says the president has quit smoking. The first lady says her husband has not smoked in almost a year. She said it is a personal challenge for him and she is very proud.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Man killed by armed rooster

A man who was at an illegal cockfight in central California died after being stabbed in the leg by a bird that had a knife attached to its own limb, officials confirmed Monday.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Lawyers strike after talks fail



JACQUES BOISSINOT/THE CANADIAN PRESS

► Quebec provincial prosecutors demonstrate in front of Quebec's hall of justice on the first day of a strike yesterday.

► Government says prosecutors will need to reduce their demands

► Green light to strike given last month

In what's being billed as a Canadian first, Crown prosecutors and government lawyers have gone on strike in Quebec, adding a pile of delayed cases onto the backlog already plaguing the province's justice system.

Hundreds of criminal cases were sidelined when 1,450 lawyers and prosecutors walked off the job yesterday, emptying countless courtrooms and inspiring memorable protests in Montreal and Quebec City.

About 350 lawyers in black robes marched silently inside the Montreal courthouse's mezzanine, some with copies of the Criminal Code tucked under their arms.

Later, they marched outside and picked up placards that read: "Who profits from a weak Crown?" In Quebec City, lawyers marched to the provincial

200

Quebec's lawyers also want the government to hire 200 new lawyers to help alleviate their work.

legislature.

It is the first known case of Crown lawyers exercising the right to a legal strike in Canada, said their national association. There have been some illegal strikes — most recently in Nova Scotia in 1998 and in Quebec in 1986 and 2002.

Key issues include pay and workload.

Prosecutors want their salaries to grow enough — about 40 per cent — so that they would be comparable with those of counterparts elsewhere in Canada.

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► Wael Ghonim

Google manager energizes Egyptians

A young leader of Egypt's anti-government protesters, newly released from detention, joined a massive crowd in Cairo's Tahrir Square for the first time yesterday and was greeted with cheers, whistling and thunderous applause when he declared: "We will not abandon our demand and that is the departure of the regime."

Many in the crowd said they were inspired by Wael Ghonim, the 30-year-old Google Inc., marketing manager who was a key organizer of the online campaign that sparked the first protest on Jan. 25 to demand the ouster of President Hosni Mubarak.

Straight from his release from 12 days of detention, Ghonim gave an emotional

charged television interview Monday night where he sobbed over those who have been killed in two weeks of clashes and insisted, "We love Egypt ... and we have rights." Ghonim arrived in the square when it was packed, a crowd comparable in size to the biggest demonstration that drew a quarter-million people. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Hope fading in search for girls

► Helicopter sweeping lake as search intensifies closer to home ► No leads yet in twins' whereabouts

Family members were discouraged yesterday about the odds of finding two missing Swiss girls alive, after discovering that their Canadian-born father mailed away thousands of euros rather than hire day-care before apparently killing himself.

The six-year-old girls' uncle, Dr. Valerio Lucidi, told reporters outside the girls' home in a Lausanne suburb that every passing

"We are really scared that something bad has happened."

VALERIO LUCIDI, UNCLE

minute is filled with fear.

He said the family's hopes have dimmed since police found that the girls' father, Matthias Schepp, withdrew 7,000 euros in Marseilles, but apparently did not use the money to provide care for missing

twins Alessia and Livia.

"This worries us a lot that we received the money because it shows there is no caregiver," said the Belgian surgeon, whose sister, Irina, is the girls' mother.

Instead, he had sent 5,000 euros to their mother in a series of mailings from Cerignola, Italy, before dying in an apparent suicide in southern Italy.

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Historic. Brew



► One of five bottles of beer retrieved from a 19th-century shipwreck in Åland archipelago last summer is photographed at the VTT Technical Research Centre of Finland yesterday.

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Ancient ale found on shipwreck

Finnish scientists are analyzing a golden, cloudy beverage found at the bottom of the Baltic Sea, hoping new beer can be modelled on an ancient brew. Researchers hope that through chemical analysis they can determine the ingredients used in what they say is "one of the world's oldest preserved beers."

Bell lets you make the call on mental health

Bell Canada hopes to bring awareness to growing mental health concerns across the country

with its Let's Talk initiative, which kicks off today.

For every text message

sent and long distance call made by Bell customers today, Bell will contribute five cents toward mental

health programs and hopes to remove the stigma that often accompanies this disease.

"If there are more Bell customers making long distance calls and texting on the day, then we've taken an important first step in reducing stigma and raising awareness," said Mary Deacon, chair

of Bell's mental health initiative.

A Canadian Medical Association poll found that just 50 per cent of Canadians will tell a friend that a family member has a mental illness, while 72 per cent would disclose a cancer diagnosis.

In the same poll, about 46 per cent of Canadians

said they think the term "mental illness" is used as an excuse for bad behaviour.

Leading the Bell Let's Talk campaign is Olympic medalist and community activist Clara Hughes, who has opened up about her battle with depression.

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Russia wants more daylight

President Dmitry Medvedev wants Russia to observe daylight savings time year-round.

Under Medvedev's idea, Russia will move its clocks forward one hour at the end of March as is done in Western Europe. But when European clocks fall back in the autumn, Russia's will

stay where they are.

Medvedev said yesterday that moving the clock back adversely affects some people and is a burden on farmers.

However, opponents of summer time in other countries argue that advancing the clocks causes the same problems.

News reports of Medvedev's remarks did not clarify whether he would make the change by decree or propose legislation that would need parliamentary approval.

Medvedev's has already cut the number of time zones in Russia from 11 to nine. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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As life on this planet gets more depressing, news that the Kepler space telescope has found another 1,200 planets, nearly tripling the known planet population, is good news indeed.

It wasn't too long ago, 1995, in fact, when the idea of finding planets outside our own solar system was science fiction, so even if you wanted to boldly go where no one has gone before, you couldn't.

But since then planets have proven as prolific as peanuts, and the space-based Kepler scope, launched in 2009, has found more than 1,200. And here's big news: 54 of them are in the so-called Goldilocks zone, not so hot that we'll fry like bird poop

on the roof of a car on a sizzling summer day, not so cold that it's perpetually Jan. 27 in Winnipeg, but just right. Mild enough to hang out, watch the stars, and wonder if ET's doing the same thing on Planet Cubic Zirconium.

More good news. Kepler can view about one per cent of the sky. If it could see the whole enchilada, it could identify another 400,000 planets, many of them habitable by humans.

We've fouled our own nest so badly that even the notion of a second chance is welcome relief. Just imagine, a new home without Kim Kardashian or Donald Trump, where we can start replacing indigenous inhabitants

right away!

It's a good idea not to get too carried away. That the planets in question exist at all is based on mainly circumstantial evidence, and using current technology, it would take a zillion years to get there (300,000 to be precise). But the point is, there's now a "there." We've got something to shoot for.

Humans are a resourceful bunch. Columbus thought he would find a passage to India; instead, he found a "new world" and exploited the indigenous people there instead. Smiles all around, except, of course, for the exploited indigenous peoples.

Even if we never get there,

planets fire the imagination.

Mars, Jupiter and Saturn have turned out to be big disappointments, ET-wise, but no matter. Now we have at least 54 new outlets for our ridiculous notions of alien beings, and that should be enough to keep our minds expanded for generations to come.

Getting there is half the fun. It's time to cue the geeks, stock up on their favourite snacks, and get them planning the warp drive that will get us there, faster than it takes Capt. Jean-Picard (the thinking man's Star Trek captain) to say: "Make it so."

Look out galaxy, here we come ...

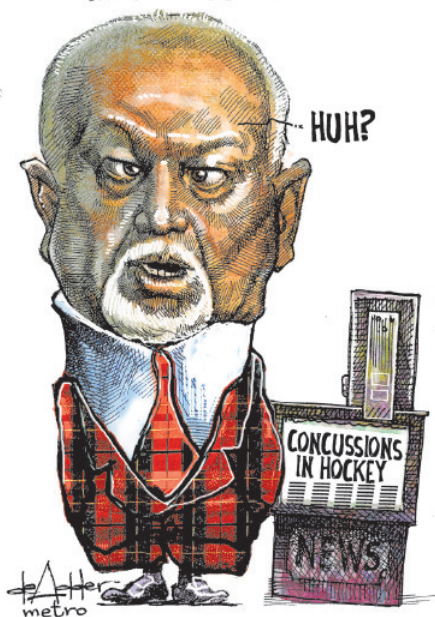


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AN EXPERT ON TOO MANY HITS TO THE HEAD:



Podcasts to plug into

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We asked: What is your favourite podcast?

CALGARY. The best podcast out there is Alan Watt's Cutting Through The Matrix. It's a must listen for those interested in ancient history, where we've been and where we're going as a society.

JASON LITKE

@Daeruna: My fave podcast would be Press Pause Radio. These guys know their games.

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Carolla Show is a great podcast.

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Metro Minute at T. rex exhibit

Arguably the world's most important T. rex continues to be on display at the Museum of Natural History in Halifax.

Standing 18 feet tall and measuring 42 feet long — from nose to the tip of its tail — this tyrannosaurus rex named Sue is the largest, most complete dinosaur of its kind.

The replica of the origi-

nal opened over the weekend and will be on display until May 8. During Sue's stay, the museum will also have exhibits showcasing the history of dinosaurs, their evolution, how scientists believe they went extinct and hands-on interactive exhibits.

Visit museum.gov.ns for complete details, including visiting hours. ● METRO



► The Museum of Natural History is hosting a tyrannosaurus rex exhibit until May 8.



A simple boon for cellphones

BRUSSELS, Belgium. The European Union's main mobile phone producers say they will launch one-size-fits-all cellphone charger.

Fourteen main mobile phone producers announced yesterday that the common plug standard will simplify life for users, reduce electronic waste and consumer aggravation.

They said the common charger, pictured above, will be gradually introduced later this year.

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RBC boosts mortgage rates

TORONTO. The Royal Bank is raising several posted and special mortgage

rate offers, starting today.

It has increased the posted rate for a five-year closed mortgage by 0.25 percentage points to 5.44 per cent.

RBC also raised its special fixed rate offer for a five-year closed mortgage by 0.25 percentage points to 4.39 per cent.

In addition to its five-year rate, RBC also raised its one and two-year closed rates by 0.15 percentage points and its three and four-year closed rates by 0.2 percentage points.

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Home prices grow by 6.8%

TORONTO. A new report says fewer real-estate listings led to higher home values in the last decade, with prices increasing at an average of 6.82 per cent nationally.

The report by the real estate agency, Re/Max, said conditions were balanced between sellers and buyers for most of the decade.

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CRTC asking for feedback

► Industry Minister Tony Clement has said if the CRTC comes back with the same plan, it will be overruled

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The CRTC wants feedback from Canadians on its controversial policy on usage-based Internet billing.

The ruling has threatened to hike prices for customers of small Internet service providers with unlimited plans.

The federal regulator said yesterday it wants the public to suggest how to balance the needs of consumers and Internet service providers, both small and large.

"The great concern expressed by Canadians over this issue is telling of how much the Internet has become an integral part of their lives," CRTC chairman Konrad von Finckenstein said in a statement.

There has been public



► CRTC chairman Konrad von Finckenstein

outcry over the decision, with a demonstration and an online petition signed by thousands.

The Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission had already said it would not implement the policy on

March 1 while reviewing its decision.

Industry Minister Tony Clement has said if the CRTC comes back with the same plan, it will be overruled by the federal cabinet.

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No Toyota electronic flaws found

A U.S. government investigation into Toyota safety problems has found no electronic flaws to account for sudden, unintentional acceleration.

Transportation officials and NASA engineers say two mechanical safety defects are the only known causes for the reports of runaway Toyotas.

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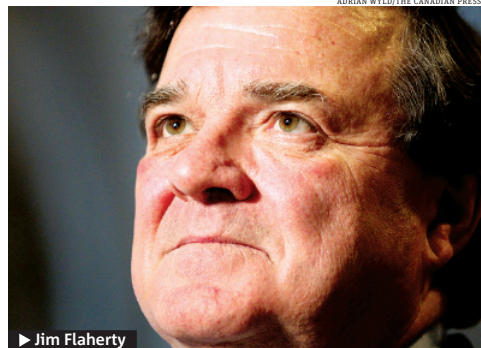
Home, sweet home: Sales won't be so bad

Canadian home sales this year will be better than previously thought, helped by improving consumer confidence that will partially offset the anticipated deterrent of interest rate hikes, the Canadian Real Estate Association predicts.

CREA released a revised forecast yesterday that estimates there will be 439,900 existing homes sold in 2011, down 1.6 per cent from 2010, but better than the nine per cent decline that CREA had forecast at the end of last year.

The real-estate association is also taking a more positive view of pricing, with the national average price now expected to rise by 1.3 per cent in 2011 to \$343,300.

CREA had earlier predicted that the national av-



► Jim Flaherty

erage home price in 2011 would fall by 1.3 per cent from last year to \$326,000.

Meanwhile, Finance Minister Jim Flaherty warned yesterday that Canadians should expect long-term mortgage rates to rise further.

"The recent increase by

a couple of the banks is exactly what we expected," Flaherty told reporters in the foyer of the House of Commons.

"We're likely to see higher interest rates as we go forward because interest rates are still very low."

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Flaherty a penny pincher?

Finance Minister Jim Flaherty says the penny's future is not looking too shiny.

He says he has read the Senate committee report recommending the penny be scrapped, and his department has looked into it.

Flaherty says the coin "probably doesn't have that great a future," calling it a "nuisance" to many people.

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There is no doubt that Justin Bieber is everywhere, from the latest Best Buy Super Bowl ad to the film Justin Bieber: Never Say Never to hit singles on-line, on the air and everywhere else, the so-called Beliebers have elevated the mop-topped Canadian to dizzying heights of stardom. Now he's about to come back to Earth: MAD magazine's longtime public face, Alfred E. Neuman — with his big ears and goofy grin — sports a Biebersque bowl of hair on the cover of the Feb. 16 issue. The headlines: Justin Bieber. "HIS STUPID HAIR!" "HIS DUMB BOOK!" "HIS TERRIBLE MOVIE!" "HIS AWFUL MUSIC!"



Michael Moore sues over Fahrenheit 9/11 documentary.



► Bell learned Gaelic to play a Scottish slave.

Extreme acting for an epic role

► As a slave in the Roman epic *The Eagle*, Jamie Bell had to immerse himself in the role — literally

While filming *The Eagle*, Jamie Bell learned that the tale of a Roman soldier (Channing Tatum) and native slave (Bell) hiking into the wilds of Scotland in search of a lost legion wasn't exactly going to be a simple walk in the country. Bell spoke with Metro about tempting hypothermia, mastering Gaelic and

avoiding the gym.

How much Gaelic do you actually speak?

I don't even really remember my lines from the film, but in terms of what we had to learn it was pretty extensive. There were a fair few scenes there, a couple of pages of dialogue that you have to be pretty fluent

and pretty authentic and believable when you come to actually shoot it. I had to learn it phonetically, kind of similar to how I would learn an accent. It's very obvious when it goes wrong because it does not sound like Gaelic. It sounds like gobbledygook.

The shoot for this was pret-

ty physically demanding, wasn't it?

Toward the end of the film, there was lots of stuff where we were flowing down these rivers and falling down into some of the coldest water you can possibly imagine. This water when you get into it, it crushes your chest and it's really difficult to get your

breath, and your heart rate goes crazy. Your brain is kind of spinning and sending you messages, going, "You know, if you don't get out of this water, you're going to die." I only managed to do that twice before the medics said I could do no more, and that was a moment where [director] Kevin [McDonald] was like, "Please, please, please go." And I felt like I kind of let him down because, literally, I couldn't. I'm not very strong in water anyway, and especially when I'm lugging Channing Tatum behind me.

What did you do to get in shape for the role?

I really felt the idea of going to a gym and pounding weights and drinking protein shakes was an incredibly contemporary idea that didn't really seem to fit the second century. So for me, I just wanted to get to a place where the guy had a feral masculinity and looked like he could take care of himself if he needed to. But also he's been a slave. He's probably been malnourished for quite some time.

Are you spending more time in California or England these days?

I live in California right now. I love it here. I go back to England about four or five times a year. I don't think California is necessarily a permanent place of residence. This is an industry town, similar to the town I grew up in. This is a town where the predominant industry is entertainment. The town I grew up in, it was just steel and paint. So the sensibility is still the same. It's also a beautiful place to live.

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Child lost family in earthquake

Angelina Jolie is reportedly ready to add to her family again, this time with an orphaned girl from Haiti, according to the Daily Mirror.

The four-year-old girl is reportedly named Leah and lost her family in the earthquake last year. "Angelina's lawyers are in the process of getting an authorization so Leah can spend some time with her in America," a source says.

"A lot of observers from groups such as the Red Cross are ensuring that Angelina is treated like anybody else and not fast tracked, which would be viewed insidiously." Brad Pitt and the Jolie-Pitt children have reportedly yet to meet Leah.

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▶ Angelina Jolie

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Lawyer says Sheen ready for work

Charlie Sheen is eager to get back to work on his popular sitcom Two and a Half Men, and he might be returning sooner than previously thought. "We are thinking Charlie will be going back to work two weeks from today," his lawyer told E! News earlier this week.

"Charlie is fine health-wise and doing really well."

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▶ Charlie Sheen

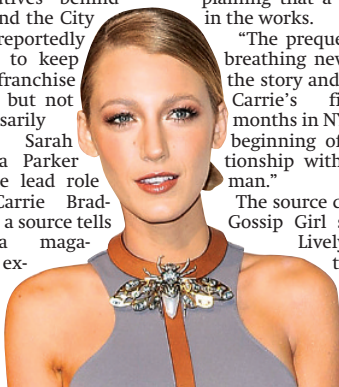
The next Carrie Bradshaw?

Executives behind Sex and the City are reportedly eager to keep the franchise alive, but not necessarily with Sarah Jessica Parker in the lead role or Carrie Bradshaw, a source tells Grazia magazine, explaining that a prequel is in the works.

"The prequel is about breathing new life into the story and exploring Carrie's first few months in NYC and the beginning of her relationship with an older man."

The source claims that Gossip Girl star Blake Lively is at the top of the list to take over the role.

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Talking points

Charges for Lohan?

PEOPLE Prosecutors said Tuesday they plan to charge Lindsay Lohan with felony grand theft of a \$2,500 necklace reported stolen from a jewelry store last month.

District Attorney's spokeswoman Jane Robison said the charge will be filed Wednesday. She is due in court for an arraignment on Wednesday afternoon.

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Jonas tying the knot?

PEOPLE Joe Jonas is reportedly ready to settle down with Twilight star Ashley Greene, according to Popeater. "Even though Joe has had plenty of high-profile girlfriends in the past few years, he is impressed with Ashley's joy of life and dedicated work ethic," a source says of the 21-year-old singer. "They are both well-grounded and have a basic understanding of who they are."

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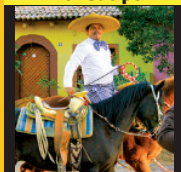
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Travel tips



If you are looking to visit Casa Herradura why not see it by horseback? Ask for the Agave Season tour, organized by Guadalupe Raveller. The tour cost 380 pesos per person and runs Friday through Sunday, 10:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. METRO



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Waves of warmth moved from the small tequila glass to my tongue, down my esophagus and gently, subtly, into my belly.

At \$350 dollars a bottle, I was being introduced to the cream of the tequila crop — Herradura Selección Suprema. Like liquid gold, the tawny colour had been honed and refined to perfection. And in the Amatitán Valley near the large inland city of Guadalajara, Mexico, I learned just how this tequila had been born.

Visiting the Casa Herradura Distillery, located within the old walls of Hacienda San Jose del Refugio (an old Mexican estate), is like stepping into another world — a world of magic horse-shoes, witches, priests and ghosts. Visitors can ride by horseback through Casa Herradura's blue agave fields to see the plant from which tequila is derived.

Tequila tasting

► Well aged. Try El Jimador, which comes straight from the stills and is as clear as water. This brand, which is clean tasting, is great for mixed drinks. Then try Herradura Reposado, which rests in oak barrels absorbing their flavour. The oak casts a golden colour into the spirit. And finally, Herradura Añejo. Aged for 25 months, this tequila sleeps a long time in the barrel. Drink this straight from a glass at room temperature.

Then, after ambling through the dry, rolling landscape, it's time to learn how tequila is made.

What's unique about visiting Casa Herradura is that the entire process, from the laborious efforts of hard-working Jimadors who harvest the agaves to the cooking of the agave hearts in massive clay ovens, to the extraction of the brown, sugary nectar, is on display for the public to see. After extraction,



► A jimador harvesting blue agave plants at Casa Herradura. Agave is the plant tequila comes from.

the juices are pumped into vats where all they need is time to ferment naturally from yeast present in the Hacienda's air supply. Surrounding fruit and flower trees provide natural yeast, so absolutely nothing is added to the agave

juice. Then it's through the stills, and pure, all-natural tequila is born.

The Hacienda boasts a modern processing plant, but its roots extend back to an original distillery. This is perhaps the neatest part of a Casa Herradura

tour. This old area (Casa Herradura was founded in 1870) is filled with cobblestone floors, deep, spooky wells and shiny copper stills. Perhaps this is the area of ghosts, where Herradura legend and lore extend from.

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► Relax with some skiing, skating, dog sledding or hit the spa ► Quebec resort town has great dining options

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When it comes to winter romance, nothing beats cosying up by the fire with your loved one at a wintry mountain lodge, hot chocolate in hand.

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Romantic weekends begin at the Fairmont Mont Tremblant. Located at the base of Mont Tremblant in the pedestrian village, the hotel offers easy access to slopes, shops and a ski valet for your equipment. Heated indoor and

outdoor pools connect with the hotel spa, Amerispa, for some romantic après-ski activities while the hotel's Nansen Lounge offers an innovative all-day bar menu with a view of the slopes from plush lounge chairs.

Getting there: Just a 1.5-hour drive from Montreal, getting to Mont Tremblant is an easy drive through the Quebec countryside. Guests can also fly directly into Mont Tremblant airport via Porter Airlines from Toronto City Centre Airport or Continental Airlines from Newark, a 45-minute drive from the village and slopes.

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Here are some unique ideas to get you dreaming.

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the village's outdoor skating rink, a small frozen-over lake beside the picturesque Saint-Bernard Chapel. Best experienced at sunset.

• An afternoon of dog sledding is a great way to see who's really the better driver. After a short lesson, guests are paired up and invited to drive their own dog sled under supervision of experienced guides. The Diable Adventure takes you through a seven-kilometre trail of wintry landscape and pairs can switch drivers halfway through after a hot chocolate break in a warm tent.

• Spa Scandinave is a truly unique experience — imagine relaxing in one of the spa's outdoor hot tubs while deer walk by just 10 feet away. The spa offers Swedish, hot stone, and Thai massages but the main draw is the



► Cuddle up by a nice warm fire after a long day of skiing on Mont Tremblant.

Scandinavian baths: a series of outdoor hot and cold pools as well as relaxation, sauna and steam bath rooms.

• Whether you've skied or not, partake in some après-ski fun than La Forge or La Diable, where you

can get cosy in a corner or get to know other après-skiers enjoying local cidrers and microbrews at the bar.

• Romantic dining doesn't get any better than at Mont Tremblant's Aux Truffes, where fine French food is paired with

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Not your average Mediterranean salad

► The star of this dish is edamame, a protein-packed soybean ► Its crisp and refreshing taste balances flavours

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Edamame, a variety of soybean, is high in protein and fibre. Here, it is used in a Mediterranean salad, adding a crisp note to the

intense flavours.

Preparation:

1 In bowl, combine bulgur and boiling water. Cover, let stand for 30 minutes. Drain.

2 In bowl, whisk together pesto and lemon juice.

3 In a bowl, combine bulgur, edamame, tomatoes, feta, green onions, parsley and pep-

per; toss gently to combine. Drizzle with pesto mixture and stir to coat well. Serve with pita. **SOYFOODS COUNCIL**

Ingredients:

- 1 1/4 cups (300 mL) uncooked bulgur
- 2 cups (500 mL) boiling water
- 2 cups (500 mL) cooked edamame (see method)
- 1/4 cup (50 mL) prepared pesto
- 3 tbsp (45 mL) lemon juice
- 2 cups (500 mL) cherry tomatoes, halved
- 3/4 cup (175 mL) crumbled feta cheese
- 1/3 cup (75 mL) thinly sliced green onions
- 2 tbsp (30 mL) minced fresh parsley
- 1/4 tsp (1 mL) freshly ground black pepper
- 4 pita breads (7-inch/17 cm diameter), cut in half

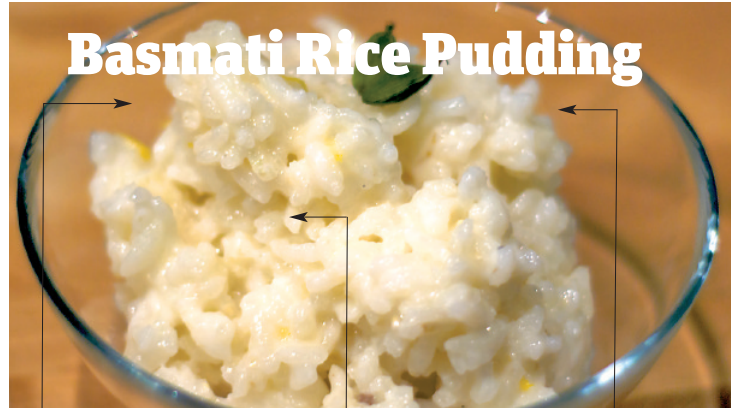


► Tabbouleh with Edamame and Feta.

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Basmati Rice Pudding



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Ingredients

This recipe makes four servings. Here's what you need:

- 3 cups (750 mL) soy beverage
- 1/2 cup (125 mL) basmati rice
- 3 tbsp (45 mL) packed brown sugar
- 1 tsp (5 mL) vanilla
- 1/4 tsp (1 mL) ground cardamom or cinnamon
- 1 mango, peeled and sliced thinly (optional)

Directions

1) In a heavy saucepan bring soy beverage and rice to a boil over medium heat. Reduce heat to low, cover and cook for 30 minutes or until most of soy beverage is absorbed. Stir in sugar, vanilla and cardamom.

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In the corporate ecosystem there are two species of boss: the vile nag that lectures the workforce, and the noble being who leads it.

"The goal of every manager should be to make people feel like they want to work for you, and not like they have to," Donna Flagg, author of *Surviving Dreaded Conversations* says.

Yet asking spat-on underlings to throw their all into a degrading day grind can feel like telling them to smile during their root canal.

With that in mind, here's three principles executive coaches recommend when it comes to talking down-trodden labourers into loving the work they do for you.

Encourage Them to Take The Lead "Let other people

have the ideas," Barbara Frankel, a career coach in New York says.

That could mean hold-



► You already have the title of boss, but stressing it to your employees may lead to resentment.

ing onto your opinions longer, opening meetings up for more brainstorm activity – or even sub-contracting out the art of idea-concocting altogether.

"Set up a little task force where employees get together, talk, then bring their ideas in collectively," she suggests.

Next, whenever an underling does bring in a snappy fix, don't dispossess them of it by dictating all the details.

"People do not like being controlled," Flagg says. "Bad bosses are the ones who get off on control."

Recognize Each Individual

"Being a boss is all about creating relations where you're interested in them and together you're building something bigger than the task at hand," Flagg explains. "It's about making them feel equal even though they're not."

That involves appreciat-

ing the kind of colleague they are – both at work and after it.

"Find out what's important to them," Frankel says. "What inspires them? What new projects do they want to be a part of? Why do they come to work?"

Give Clear Instructions

"The more people feel that they can count on you, the more they do for you," Flagg offers.

But workers can't trust you, she warns, if they don't understand your expectations – and that means answering emails, explaining projects clearly, and taking time to stop by a boss-shy worker's desk.

"You have to be a good communicator, and that comes from having a mindset that you're one among them," she stresses. "You don't need to prove to anyone that you have power. The position itself gives that to you."

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UNIONS OFFER SOME AN ESCAPE HATCH IN TRYING TIMES

Fipping through the newspaper the other day, I came across a headline that grabbed my attention – “Civil servant

keeps job despite porn.” The case concerned a federal government employee who spent up to five hours at work each day surfing the Internet for pornography and trading pictures, all from his government email account. Amazingly, he kept his job.

The general public asks why this employee keeps his job when employers are allowed to fire other, less blameworthy employees, for reasons such as “layoffs” and “restructuring,” with legal impunity. The answer is clear: the union.

No surprise then that unionized employees champion cases like this, while employers are left scratching their heads.

In unionized workplaces, misconduct is often present, but seldom does it lead to dismissal. This is because unionized employers are bound by collective agreements permitting dismissal only with “just cause.”

However, unlike employers in non-union workplaces, who need only to prove real misconduct to rid themselves of problem employees, unionized employers must make out a much more compelling case for dismissal, all without disturbing their labour relations with the union. As a result, many unionized

employers are forced to forgive misconduct for fear of losing the case – or worse, offending their union.

Further, unionized employees think mostly in terms of reinstatement, while non-union employees usually seek severance.

Arbitrators, granted with the exclusive jurisdiction to resolve union labour disputes, have the authority to reinstate fired employees to their jobs, with full back pay, while non-union employees, who do not enjoy the right to reinstatement, are often “paid off” with a few months’ severance in exchange for dropping their case.

When viewing the issue through this lens, it is no wonder that the civil servant kept his job despite spending so much of his time searching for porn.

My article should not be read as if I am advocating for unions because I am not. My law firm receives more calls from unionized employees complaining about their own unions than it does from non-union employees who have been fired.

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Introducing school on a touch screen

► New electronic tablet will serve as a student's trusty sidekick throughout the scholastic year

Among the dozens of new tablets expected to be released this year in competition with Apple's iPad and Research In Motion's PlayBook will be a budget-priced Canadian device targeted specifically at students and schools.

MySpark Technologies, headquartered just north of Toronto, plans to launch its tablet in North America and India this spring, with an aim to have them carried into classrooms by September.

The mySpark tablet, which is based on Google's Android platform, will be available in two models, with one expected to be priced between \$200 to \$250 and the other around \$300 to \$350.

CEO Adrian Hartog, who worked at ATI Technologies Inc., and Advanced Micro Devices Inc., before forming the new company, said the tablets are being priced well below established competitors to appeal to cash-strapped students and educators, as well as price-sensitive buyers in India.

"I think we're pretty comfortable that we can deliver solutions at those prices with reasonable profitability, we tried to be aggressive," Hartog said, adding that the company didn't skimp on hardware.

The specifications include a 25-centimetre screen and a dual-core one gigahertz processor with



► MySpark Technologies is currently working on its third-generation prototype of the tablet and expects the final product will be ready by the end of the month.

graphics and media acceleration. The screen responds to touch and a stylus because "all the feedback we've gotten is note-taking is very important," he said.

The company has some operations based in India and the sales potential there made it a launch

market, Hartog said.

"They're a huge population and they're very focused on education as a kind of transformative factor in their whole economy," he said. "Education is viewed very highly there."

Built into the tablet will be a number of apps to let students browse digital

textbooks and ebooks, search within them, and mark them up with notes. Collaboration tools will also let students and teachers view or work on the same content.

Hartog said, and the devices can also tie into the school's IT or learning management systems.

"We'll also work with the schools to provide custom integration that they may need that's particular to their environment," he added.

Hartog imagines students will be able to access their schedules, marks and report cards on the tablet.

Users will be able to download any other apps available on the Android Market, although Hartog does expect that some buyers - perhaps parents or schools - will want to lock down the tablets so they're strictly used for work.

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Second-year forward Shea Kewin, pictured, exploded for all five goals, including the game-winner with 4:40 remaining, as the Dalhousie Tigers earned a big 5-4 win over the Acadia Axemen in Atlantic University Sport hockey play at Memorial Arena last night. Benjamin Breault added five helpers as the Tigers, 12-14, moved a point ahead of Moncton for the final AUS playoff spot.

Refs botch Rainmen's OT win

One of the Halifax Rainmen's most thrilling wins of the season might not be a win after all.

The Premier Basketball League is investigating the Rainmen's 102-94 double-overtime win over the Quebec Kebs last Friday because the officials did not reset the team foul counts at the end of regulation time.

Chief referee Peter Phipps has already been suspended for the rest of

the season and the PBL will announce today whether the Rainmen and Kebs will be required to replay the overtimes.

"It's leaning more towards having to be replayed, in all fairness," said PBL director of operations Carrie Ann May. "Considering it's two teams in the playoffs (currently), it poses more of a need) to replay it because it determines possible home-court advantage."

"We're put in a position of determining whether the overtimes should be replayed or not. If it's not replayed, the result would stand as is."

PBL DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS CARRIE ANN MAY

The Kebs, who are third overall at 6-4 and one spot behind the 7-2 Rainmen, were at a disadvantage as a result of the error, with five fouls to Halifax's three heading into extra time. Those counts are the determining factor on

whether free throws are awarded on common fouls.

The PBL adopted the National Basketball Association's rulebook this year, but May said Phipps was made aware of the required foul reset but chose

not to enforce it.

"He does acknowledge that he didn't call it right and we're looking into where the miscommunication was," May said.

May said the other two officials who called Friday's game are "questionable" for the remainder of the season and will face fines and discipline.

Rainmen owner Andre Levingston declined to comment on the situation.

● MATTHEW WUEST

Mooseheads have yet to cement identity

► Young team playing better lately, but are blowout losses a thing of the past? ► Brutal stretch of eight out of nine on the road begins tonight in Montreal



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There have been two sides of the Halifax Mooseheads this season.

There's the nasty side fans wish they never had to see, one that has been wiped off the ice in blowout losses to not only the first-place Saint John Sea Dogs, but the 16th-place Cape Breton Screaming Eagles and a number of teams in between.

Then there's the hope-inspiring side fans wish they got to see more often, one that knocked off the fourth-place Drummondville Voltigeurs 5-2 last week and gave the nationally top-ranked Sea Dogs a run for their money in a 4-3 loss on Saturday.

"It's all mental," said

Mooseheads over-age defenceman Pascal Amyot. "It's about how we come prepared to play. Very often the first five or 10 minutes will set the tone for the rest of the game."

The highly unpredictable Mooseheads are on the road for eight of their next nine games, starting tonight at 8 p.m. against the third-place Montreal Juniors in a potential first-round playoff preview.

It's another top-end team on a list of tough opponents the Mooseheads — 15th overall with a 17-32-1-2 record — face to close out the season.

"If we come out (in the first five or 10 minutes) strong, hitting and intimidating the other team, we know we'll have success," Amyot said. "But if we come out flat against

teams that have more skill than us ... They end up scoring goals."

A lot of goals. The Mooseheads allowed 45 of them during a seven-game losing streak in January, but have since tightened up and allowed just 14 while winning three of their past five.

So are the hope-inspiring Mooseheads here to stay? The final 16 games will tell the tale.

"It's going to prepare us to play top-end teams because we know we're going to face top-end teams in the playoffs," Amyot said. "We might as well get ready for it now."



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► Pascal Amyot says if the Mooseheads come out flat in the first 10 minutes, it's a bad sign.



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► Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers celebrates with fans during the "Return to Tittletown" yesterday at Lambeau Field.

Champs back in Tittletown

► Packers fans celebrate first Super Bowl win since 1997

Green Bay Packers fans poured into the frigid Lambeau Field parking lots early yesterday in a final tailgate to cap a magical season that ended in Super Bowl victory.

At \$5 US each, the 50,000 tickets for yesterday's "Return to Tittletown" celebration sold out in a matter of hours Monday. Tickets were going for as much as \$140 each on the ticket resale site StubHub yesterday. The team said a portion of the proceeds will go to charity.

Don Jobe, 24, of Appleton, Wis., and three of his friends were in the Lambeau parking lot by 9:45 a.m., braving a frosty wind chill to tailgate.

"That's what true Packer fans do," Jobe said as he

struggled in the cold to light a grill. "You only win the Super Bowl so often."

The Green Bay area, which is the smallest market with an NFL team, has been in the throes of a non-stop party since the Packers beat the Pittsburgh Steelers 31-25 Sunday in Arlington, Texas.

Steven Hass, 17, of Rome, Wis., said he and his family began the three-hour drive to Lambeau Field at 7 a.m. He was gloveless and his fingers had turned bright pink, but he didn't care.

"The Packers won the Super Bowl. It doesn't come along very often. When it does, you've got to have fun," he said.

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New offer

The NFL has added a second option for fans who had to give up their seats at the Super Bowl.

► The roughly 400 fans can choose to attend any future Super Bowl instead of being limited to the 2012 game.

► The league had said it would give \$2,400 US, three times the face value of the ticket, to the fans who were forced to watch the game on monitors or use standing-room platforms after some temporary seating sections were not completed in time.

Saints coach's move to Dallas worries fans

Sean Payton is moving his family to Dallas and the Saints have no problem with it — however, many New Orleans fans do.

Payton confirmed yesterday he is buying a house in Dallas and is moving his wife and two children to Texas while he remains the Saints head coach.

"When my wife and I relocated our family from Dallas, we had always dreamed of someday settling there," Payton said in a statement released by the team. "We feel that now is the best time to do this."

"It's a decision that I'm sure many families have to confront, and I don't know if there is any one right or wrong decision — just the



"I am confident that Sean will continue to be an excellent head coach for the Saints for many years to come."

SAINTS GM MICKEY LOOMIS

best one you can make for your own family."

The decision is not sitting well with numerous Saints fans who've expressed consternation and confusion over the matter on call-in shows and Internet chat sites.

Saints owner Tom Benson and GM Mickey Loomis both issued statements of support and sounded confident Payton was committed to sticking with the club that first made him a head coach in January of 2006.

"Sean is our head coach," Benson said. "Like we do with everyone in our organization, we support them when they need to make tough personal decisions."

"Sean is making a decision in the best interest of his family and he needs our support and he will get it. What I do know is that Sean is completely focused on bringing our team back to a championship."

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Sports in brief

Martin set to resume drills

MLB. New York Yankees catcher Russell Martin is set to resume catching drills today after undergoing knee surgery in December.

The Chelsea, Que., native had a tear in his right knee repaired, an injury that occurred during a training session. The two-time NL all-star has been taking batting practice and throwing at

the Yankees' minor league complex since late January.

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Semin back on ice for Caps

NHL. Washington Capitals left-wing Alexander Semin is back after missing 12 games with a groin injury, while defenceman Mike Green is still recovering after taking a puck to the head.

Semin had 18 goals and 17 assists when he was sidelined.

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UNC, State get creative with game

Michigan State and North Carolina are moving forward with plans to play a basketball game aboard an aircraft carrier on Remembrance Day.

Michigan State athletic director Mark Hollis said last night the game is to take place this year in San Diego's harbour.

The event will also include a concert on the converted flight deck.

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Engine performance

Gone from the Mazda5 is the 2.3-litre four-cylinder engine. It's replaced with a standard 2.5-litre four-cylinder powerplant that's also found in the Mazda3 and Mazda6 passenger cars plus the base CX-7 tall wagon.

For its role in the Mazda5, the 2.5 produces 157 horsepower and 163 pound-feet of torque, which is a slight improvement over the 2.3.

Six-rider seating

The Mazda5 platform is based on the Mazda3 sedan/hatchback, but for the Mazda5 it has been stretched by about 13 centimetres between the front and rear wheels to squeeze in a third-row seat.

That means six riders in a three-by-two arrangement.

Versatile interior

This mini minivan is actually a hair shorter than the Mazda3 sedan, which will restrict the amount of gear you can cram into the back when all chairs are occupied.

However, the highly versatile interior allows you to fold flat either or both of the sliding and reclining second-row buckets, or the 50:50 split folding rear bench to create the exact mix of people and cargo.

If it wasn't for the non-folding front-row passenger seat back, the maximum cargo capacity could be considered exceptional.



► The Mazda5 splits the difference between the five-passenger Mazda3 wagon and a conventional minivan. In terms of size, it will likely only come up short if the six chairs are filled and cargo space for all aboard is required. For running the kids and their sports equipment around town, it'll do just fine.

Mazda5: An alternative to the minivan



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For on-the-go families who don't require massive minivan space, the compact Mazda5 presents a reasonable alternative to a regular-size minivan or even a junior sport utility vehicle.

Steadily increasing fuel prices are on many new-car-buyers' minds, along with finding ways to reduce overall operating expenses while maintaining or increasing the level of versatility that their vehicles can deliver.

A modicum of driving enjoyment would definitely add some frosting to the

cake.

The original and somewhat anonymous Mazda5 that was introduced for the 2006 model year managed to deliver on all counts and the updated 2012 edition promises more of the same, except the anonymity part.

In essence, the Mazda5 is the complete minivan package, minus the size and capacity of its much bigger competitors, of course, but also without their much higher list prices and their bigger appetites at the gas pumps.

For stylish, eco-minded families, it doesn't really get much better than this.



► Compared to the Mazda3 wagon, the Mazda5 has a taller roofline and seating for six people instead of five. But what this photo illustrates is that carrying large objects pretty much kills all the passenger space.



► A look at the Mazda5 steering wheel and dashboard.

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Fuel economy for the Mazda5 is estimated at 9.7 l/100 km in the city and 6.8 on the highway with either manual or automatic transmission, which is roughly the same as on the previous powertrain.

Mazda5

What you should know about the 2012 Mazda5:

- **Type:** Four-door, front-wheel-drive, six-passenger wagon.
- **Engine (hp):** 2.5-litre DOHC I4 (157).
- **Transmission:** Six-speed manual (std.); five-speed automatic (opt.).
- **Safety:** Front airbags; side-impact airbags; side-curtain airbags; anti-lock brakes; traction control; stability control.

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I was trolling through the list of super-new vehicles that will be at the upcoming auto show in Toronto, and two caught my eye: the 2011 Chevrolet Camaro Convertible and the 2012 Hyundai Veloster.

DEMOGRAPHICS LOOKING FOR LOVE

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Both look fantastic. But these new debuts once again reinforce how two major demographic groups are yanking the chains of the automakers in different directions.

Camaro's target audience is obviously the baby-boom generation. Perhaps you've heard of them?

Following the baby boom is Generation X, a much smaller crowd. But Generation Y, also referred to as, "The Millennial Generation," and/or, "The Echo Boom," is actually a very sizeable cohort.

With more and more baby-boom drivers gradually moving on to more non-driving activities, like shuffling to the washroom every 15 minutes, Gen Yers are poised to be the "driving force" in the market.

But just not yet.

Baby boomers are still by far the largest group out there, and will continue to be, even after 2013, when most of them will be 60 years or older.

Not only are there fewer Gen-Y people, they aren't as uniformly "car crazy" as their elders; many aren't interested in driving at all, and many hold off getting cars and/or their licenses until their 20s.

But among them are those who love their vehicles just as much as any previous generation.

The Hyundai Veloster is aimed squarely at Gen-Y folks.

This "three-door" sports



► The 2011 Chevrolet Camaro Convertible was awarded to Super Bowl MVP Aaron Rogers after the Green Bay quarterback led his club to a championship victory on Sunday over Pittsburgh.

coupe will compete directly against Mini Cooper, Honda CR-Z and Scion tC.

The tC is new to Canada, but in the U.S., where it has been sold for a few years now, it has the distinction of attracting the youngest owners (medium age 24 years) of any nameplate on the market.

The original Camaro followed Ford Mustang into the so-called "Pony Car" segment, which would also ultimately include Firebird, Challenger, Barracuda, Javelin, AMX and Cougar.

Back in their heyday, these cars made a splash because they were lighter and faster and better look-

ing than family sedans.

In other words, they were the "young person's ride" — like the Veloster is now.

But in 2011 these Pony cars are strictly a middle-aged person's proposition, and only for those with certain aesthetic sensibilities and generous credit lines.

It's obvious the Veloster and other modern sports coupes do a way better job crossing over to other demographics.

They're lighter, have more space and fuel efficiency, and more affordable.

So let's keep them coming, and maybe ease off a bit on the nostalgia trip.



► 2012 Hyundai Veloster

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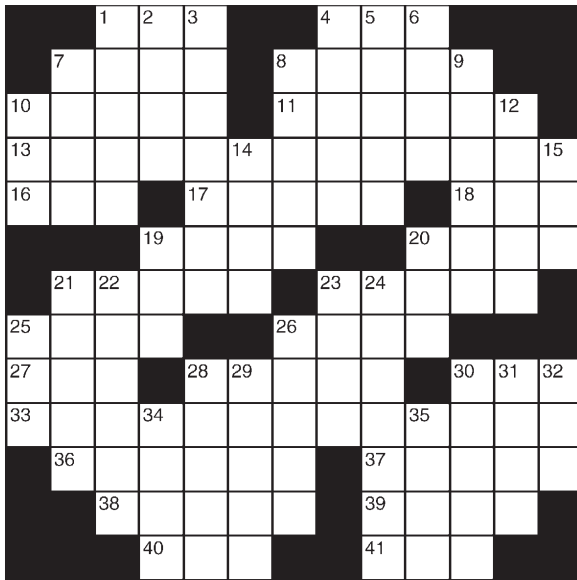
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Crossword

Across

- 1 Buddy
- 4 Peculiar
- 7 Miss America's ID
- 8 Sailing boat
- 10 Heart line?
- 11 Least active
- 13 Buttonwoods, e.g.
- 16 Oom follower
- 17 Coffin stands
- 18 Game with "Skip" cards
- 19 Make one's way
- 20 Tosses in
- 21 Ignite
- 23 Casual shirts
- 25 Singer Redding
- 26 Throw forcefully
- 27 Music genre
- 28 Whiskers
- 30 Mauna —
- 33 "Worry of an overnight success"
- 36 Engine type
- 37 Skit show
- 38 Mother-of-pearl
- 39 Dregs
- 40 Your
- 41 Cen. fractions



- 12 Takes care of
- 14 Pig's remark
- 15 "Help!"
- 19 Existed
- 20 The whole enchilada
- 21 Left one's seat
- 22 Apple variety
- 23 Kitten's sound
- 24 Neat
- 25 Chances, for short
- 26 Non-native, to
- 27 Protein-rich bean
- 28 "The Garden of Earthly Delights" artist
- 29 Abrasive powder
- 30 Exists
- 31 Burden
- 32 Big hatchet
- 34 Warmth
- 35 Scoff

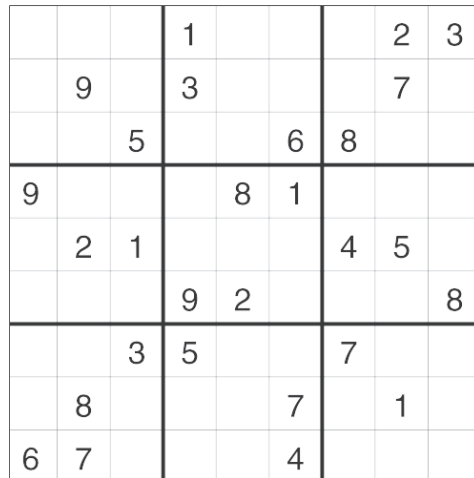
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- 1 Parade
- 2 "The Thin Man" dog
- 3 Room
- 4 Having seniority
- 5 Foolish fellows
- 6 Active one
- 7 Protein-rich bean
- 8 Fathered
- 9 False
- 10 Venomous viper

► Yesterday's answer



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► Yesterday's answer

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2	8	3	5	6	1	9	7	4
6	7	9	4	3	2	8	1	5
5	4	1	8	9	7	3	6	2
9	2	5	6	1	4	7	3	8
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Today's horoscope

♈ Aries March 21-April 20
Someone new is about to come into your life and give you the emotional boost you've been craving. Whether the relationship stands the test of time remains to be seen.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21
You will get the chance to shine today and you must not let it pass you by. Important people are watching you. If they like what they see, you could be moving up in the world quicker than you expected.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21
Life is good and about to get even better. Cosmic activity in one of the most positive areas of your chart will open new doors. All you need is the courage to walk through them.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22
Don't start thinking you can't possibly fail. The more straightforward a situation appears to be today, the more likely it is there is a hidden catch. Find it, deal with it.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug. 23
No one is immune to your charms. You know what words will win others over and you know it's only a matter of time before they give into your desires.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24-Sept. 22
Your thoughts seem to be turning to how you can make your everyday routine less of a chore. Find ways to get partners and colleagues to shoulder more of the burden. Don't even think of trying to do everything yourself.

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♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23
Creatively and romantically this is a special time for you. The next few days will bring opportunities to expand in every direction. Make the most of it.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22
Honesty is a must today. Let loved ones know what you think of them, even though some of your comments may be less than flattering. They need to know the truth.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21
You don't care one bit what others might think of your behaviour. You are who you are and you do what you do and if certain people don't like it that's too bad. Most likely, you'll do it even more, just to annoy them.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20
Where money matters are concerned, you must be careful not to let things slide over the next 24 hours. The line between a profit and a loss is not as wide as you imagine.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18
Your confidence will soar over the next few days and, seeing as it's pretty high already, others will wonder what kind of herbal remedy you are on. Keep your secret to yourself.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20
Cosmic activity in the most sensitive area of your chart means you won't find it easy to reach out to the world. But that's okay. Why should you? The world will be fine without you for a day. SALLY BROMPTON

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